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Correspondence.

Our columns are open to all for the discussion of public questions. Personalities will not be permitted. We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by correspondents.

To the Editor of The Progress.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Sandy Macdunnit in a recent issue of your paper, I beg leave to inform the many readers of The Progress that the statement made that "Rob put a' his coat till Davie last year in a hay slouch; he felt ma that himself," is simply absurd, false, and rotten to the core.

DAVIE'S FRIEND.

Lorrie Lispings.

We are now having fine, bright and warm weather, and farmers are making all they can of it; some are finishing stacking, while others are thrashing. Rob Aldous' new steam outfit is giving good satisfaction. It is Rob's intention to take a gang along with him, as farmers are too busy to leave home to help to thresh.

The very high wind that this neighborhood experienced on Wednesday, the 25th Sept., was the worst that the oldest settler has seen in this country. Mr. McKen's new house and barn received a very bad shaking; so much so that the teacher and children had to beat a hasty retreat, as the timbers and rafters made such a noise, cracking and creaking, that they thought it might collapse. However, Mr. McKen came along with some help and secured the building by propping it with poles and stays. The school was being held in the barn at the time, but since this the school has closed down till some suitable building is erected. Mr. Tins Pallister also received a rough scratch by the wind. When engaged in stacking, the high wind caught the tank, which was loaded with sheaves, and tossed the load clean over, with Mr. Pallister underneath, smashing the rack into kindling wood, but doing no further harm as Mr. Pallister managed to crawl out from under.

The Pleasant Forks show came off on the 1st of Oct. The weather was beautiful and one could wish for. In the ladies department the entries were not quite so numerous, but they made up for it in quality. The live stock exhibit was up to the mark, as also was the root display.

Mr. Sandy Macdunnit is pushing the tax papers with a will, and judging from his remarks, he means to make some poor laggard suffer before long, provided there is not a case for perjury brought before a justice of the peace.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Cook, of Regina, are visiting at Mr. Robt. Aldous' for a short time.

Farming.

Farming, to which we made brief reference last week, we have since gone carefully through and find it to be a publication of great merit. It is, however, an old friend in a new guise, its former title having been The Canadian Live Stock Journal but will henceforward appear under the more laconic title of Farming. As stated in the September issue, the conditions of agriculture, as indeed of everything else, are constantly changing and when a publication devoted to this industry has not adapted itself to the existing conditions, and is not keeping abreast of the times, it has fallen short of its mission and its day of usefulness has passed away. The Journal, now Farming, has doubtless been one of the leading agricultural papers of the time, and in its present magazine form bids fair to outstrip its former excellence. New and valuable features have been introduced which cannot fail to be of great interest to the farmer, and to impart such knowledge to him as will prove of lasting benefit.

The number of articles, which run up to the goodly number of about one hundred, have evidently been written by men thoroughly competent to write upon the subject treated; the illustrations that intersperse the ninety-six pages are well executed, notably, "A group of choice Shorthorn cattle," "A Berkshire sow, Elphick's matchless," "A pair of Collie dogs," "A flock of country sheep," "A dairy house," and poultry, all tending largely to enhance the value of this admirably got up magazine, and we have no hesitation in saying that it should be in the hand of every farmer.

The Markets.

Wholesale Commercial.

The higher prices for wheat reached at the close of last week in leading United States markets have not been maintained, and yesterday prices were nearly back again to where they were before the last big set in. The markets have had a wider range this week and have been more excitable and exceedingly sensitive. Cables from Europe were lower on most days. Northwestern states receipts have been large, but to offset this there have been rumors of crop damage in Argentina and dry weather in the winter wheat states.

In Manitoba the weather has been favorable, though the weather report on Friday said rain in the west; but it has been mainly favorable and deliveries by farmers at country points have increased. Thursday and Friday this week country deliveries of wheat were estimated at a quarter of a million bushels each day, being the largest so far this season. The total country deliveries of wheat for September are estimated at about 2,000,000 bushels, or nearly 1,000,000 bushels less than for the same month last year. Most of the wheat being delivered by farmers is going into stock, the farmers evidently being determined to hold. The Commercial has been quoted as advising a holding policy. This is not correct, though we have taken a hopeful view of wheat, mainly because it is cheap. As a question of fact,

at the moment, there is a premium of about 15c per bushels in favor of selling now. Our season of navigation will soon close, after which the cost of exporting by winter freights will be immediately increased about 10c per bushel, so that an advance of 10c after the close of navigation would not help the holder. Added to this millers are paying prices much in advance of an export basis, which increases the premium in favor of selling now to 12c to 15c per bushel. There is no reason to believe that prices would hold at above an export basis long, should sales be made freely. Millers are still taking most of the choice wheat offering, as the price is beyond the reach of exporters. About the only sales outside of what local millers are buying direct from farmers, is a limited quantity which is being taken by eastern millers. Exporters cannot handle any of the high grade stuff at the prices millers are paying. Prices in Manitoba country markets have been advanced again early this week, 48c per bushel being paid to farmers at 18c freight rate points to Fort William, for best samples, and 47c at 19c freight points. Sales of lots at Fort William, about were mostly made at between 60 and 61c per bushel, for No. 1 hard, to eastern millers. Sellers were offering at 60c today. The low grades which the millers are not taking are not relatively as firm, the range being from 30 to 45c as to quality, for the other grades, the bottom price for badly frosted stuff. Receipts at Fort William elevators for the week ending Sept. 28 amounted to 428,956 bushels and shipments were 219,785 bushels, amount in store 787,199 bushels. The figures for the corresponding period last year were, receipts 727,847 bushels, shipments, 752,197, in store, 1,040,000.

WINNED PRICES.

Wheat—Farmers' loads are being taken at the mills at 46 to 48c for good milling samples, rejected sold as low as 35c for chicken feed.

Flour—Patents, \$1.85; strong bakers' \$1.65.

Oats—Per bushel, 18 to 26c.

Barley—Per bushel, 23 to 24c.

Butter—Creamery, 14 to 16c; dairy, 8 to 9c per pound.

Cheese—Per pound, 6c for Manitoba round lots.

Eggs—Per dozen, 12 to 14c to 15c.

Lard—Pure, \$1.55 to \$1.90 for 20 pound pails, and \$1.20 for 50 pound pails; pure lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, 87 per case of 60 pounds, tins 9c per pound.

Potatoes—Per bushel, 20c.

Onions—Per bushel, 50 to 60c.

Cabbage—Per dozen, 15 to 25c.

Tomatoes—Native, 5 to 4c per pound; eastern, 30c to \$1.10 per basket; green, 40c per bushel.

Citron—Per dozen, 50 to 75c.

Poultry—Chickens, 40 to 45c per pair; turkeys, 8 to 9c per pound, live weight; ducks, dressed, 10c per pound; wild ducks, 20 to 30c per pair.

Hay—Lower, per ton, \$4 to \$5; baled prairie, 80.

Live stock—Cattle, 2 to 2 1/2c; hogs, 4 to 4 1/2c off ears; sheep, 6c off ears.

Hotels.

Queen's: J. A. McDonald, J. E. Pepin, Indian Head; W. G. Richard, Dennis Madden, Montreal; J. Holden, Westville, N. S.; W. Falkner, Maple Creek; A. C. Peterson, North Fort; S. W. Thompson, Winnipeg; C. T. Bonney, Springfield; C. Kennerly, Winnipeg; Miss McWilliam, Guelph; T. Jackson, Crane Lake; C. Banks, Regina; J. Gordon, Toronto.

Leland: J. Braden, C. W. Goodwin, J. M. Coomes, Toronto; J. Churchill, E. J. Brooks, J. A. Bellair, Indian Head; Mrs. M. Fielding, Rockville, S. C. Ekington, Mr. and Mrs. Southland, Fort Qu'Appelle; D. Morrison, Moose Jaw; F. W. Lowes, J. C. McNabb, W. A. Tompkins, D. F. Dickson, L. Boumy, Winnipeg; R. A. Wyllie, Hamilton; W. D. Cowan, Regina.